

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY AND UNITED STATES STRATEGIC
COMMAND CENTER FOR COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
COOPERATIVE BIOLOGICAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM GEORGIAN NATIONAL
CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND LABORATORY OF
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE CYCLE COST ESTIMATE
SUMMARY

Synopsis:

This is a Sources Sought. This is NOT a solicitation for proposals, proposal abstracts, or quotations. This notice is for MARKET RESEARCH PURPOSES ONLY, and in no way obligates the United States Government to issue a solicitation or otherwise make a contract award. Defense Threat Reduction Agency and United States Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (DTRA/SCC-WMD) is seeking eligible performers who are qualified to conduct and accomplish the requirements specified in this Sources Sought.

Background:

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) initiated the Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (CBEP) in Georgia through DTRA/SCC-WMD to secure and consolidate Select Agents and Toxins—as identified on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and United States Department of Agriculture Select Agent and Toxin list; enhance biosurveillance, biosafety, and biosecurity standards in accordance with the World Health Organization International Health Regulations and World Health Organization for Animal Health Guidelines. To achieve its mission, CBEP works collaboratively with partner nations, U.S. Government agencies, and the international community to enhance disease detection, surveillance, and reporting capabilities; develop human resource expertise in public and animal health, promote safe and secure laboratory working environments; and consolidate pathogens of security concern into a minimal number of safe and secure facilities in a sustainable manner.

Purpose and Objectives:

DTRA/SCC-WMD CBEP plans to work collaboratively with the Georgian National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC) and Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture (LMA) to implement a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) at selected sites. LIMS is a software-based laboratory and information management system that supports all aspects of laboratory operations including sample management, test results, reporting, assay data management, data entry, analysis and exchange, workload management, quality assurance, stock/inventory tracking and ordering as well as integration with electronic laboratory notebooks and laboratory equipment.

The following are requirements, capabilities, and deliverables the U.S. Government may require as part of the LIMS implementation. Functional requirements located in attached document.

General Requirements:

- Implement a Laboratory Information Management System, using an existing platform tailored to meet outlined functional requirements.
- Coordinate discussions, communications, and training with NCDC and LMA leadership, DTRA/SCC-WMD, and DTRA/SCC-WMD collaborators as required for design development.
- Travel to and within Georgia to implement the requirements.
- Registered to conduct business in the Republic of Georgia.
- Speak and read Georgian and English.
- Capability to install, train, and sustain LIMs at up to 21 sites with multiple terminals at some sites.

Scope:

Laboratory Information Management System

- Develop a LIMS implementation plan outlined in priority groups as outlined on page 19 of the attached document.
- Establish a comprehensive framework for planning and site utilization of hardware/software components.
- Train local staff (including local IT personnel as well as end-users) to operate and maintain software platform after implementation.

Life Cycle Cost Report for NCDC and LMA

- Perform a Life Cycle Cost Analysis and prepare a final Life Cycle Cost Report.
- Include the sum of all recurring and non-recurring costs over the full life span of the new LIMS implementation.
- Include estimated implementation costs, operating and maintenance costs, utility costs, future upgrade costs, and human capital costs.

Response Requirements:

The U.S. Government invites sources to respond to this Sources Sought that have the capability to meet these parameters and would have an interest to bid on a requirement of similar objectives. Responses shall be limited to ten pages. Pages not included in the total page count are the cover page, the cover letter and the table of contents.

Any and all information submitted in response to this notice is strictly voluntary and in no way obligates the U.S. Government to a monetary compensation or otherwise to make a contract award. The U.S. Government will not return any submitted data and information. The responder

may solicit input on technical aspects of the responses from non-government consultants/experts bound by appropriate non-disclosure requirements.

Submission Instructions:

Responses shall be limited to ten 8X11 pages and shall:

- Answer attached questionnaire;
- Confirm source's ability and interest to meet purpose and objectives provided;
- Confirm ability to conduct business in Georgia;
- Confirm ability to speak and read Georgian and English;
- Identify any aspects of the requirements stated that cannot be met and any issues/concerns with the requirements as stated;
- Assess whether purpose and objectives can be accomplished within six to nine months, or provide a realistic alternative timeframe for completion;
- Explain your experience implementing and working with LIMS;
- Explain your experience with providing Heath IT systems help desk support;
- Provide information on past performance, preferably in but not limited to Europe
 - Experience implementing Laboratory Information Management Systems
 - Experience implementing IT platforms OCONUS
 - Experience in coordinating with host nation government(s) to mitigate and solve potential issues

The responder should provide information to Contract Specialist Adam Neiman at adam.s.neiman.ctr@mail.mil and Contracting Officer Tammy Feige at tammy.m.feige.civ@mail.mil no later than November 10, 2016

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Confidentiality:

No classified or confidential information should be included in your response. The Government reserves the right to use any non-proprietary technical information in any resultant solicitation(s). Any proprietary information should be clearly marked.